

# ***MDOE School Construction Programs Overview & Update***

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# **MDOE School Facilities Programs**

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  - **Revolving Renovation Fund**
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# **Statutory and Rule References**

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## ➤ **Federal Construction Programs**

Statute: 20-A MRSA Chapter 5 Section 405  
20-A MRSA Chapter 609 Section 15916  
Rule: None

## ➤ **Revolving Renovation Fund**

Statute: 30-A MRSA Chapter 225 Sections 5953-E and 6006-F  
Rule: 05-071 Chapter 64

## ➤ **Major Capital School Construction Program**

Statute: 20-A MRSA Chapter 609 Sections 15901-15918  
Rule: 05-071 Chapter 61

## ➤ **Leased Space Program**

Statute: 20-A MRSA Chapter 606-B Section 15672  
Rule: 05-071 Chapter 64

## ➤ **School Facility Maintenance**

Statute: 20-A MRSA Chapter 609 Section 15918 and Chapter 201 Section 4001  
Rule: 05-071 Chapters 64 and 125

## ➤ **School Safety and Security**

Statute: 20-A MRSA Chapter 201 Section 4003-A Chapter 101 Section 1001  
Rule: 05-071 Chapters 125 and 161

## ➤ **Locally Funded**

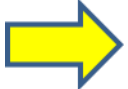
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Rule: 05-071 Chapter 61

# Federal Construction Programs

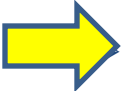
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## Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZAB)

- Tax credit bonds for rehabilitation or repair of school buildings, purchasing equipment, training, etc
- Federal government subsidizes bonds by providing tax credits
- Requires at least 35% free or reduced-cost lunch, private business contribution worth at least 10%
- Requires State Board of Education Approval



Current balance available for allocation to schools is \$1,435,000.



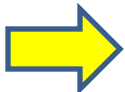
### Anticipated MDOE Timeline

- August 1, 2015 - Application Process Begins
- October 15, 2015 - Application deadline
- November 10, 2015 - Allocations awarded
- December 31, 2016 - Bond issuance deadline

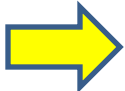


# **Revolving Renovation Fund**

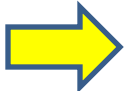
- Provides loans to address facilities needs in the areas of health, safety, and compliance, building systems, conservation, and learning space upgrades
- 30% to 70% of loan is forgiven based on the SAU's state share percentage and the remaining loan amount is repaid over 5 or 10 years at 0% interest
- Maximum loan amount is \$1 million per funding priority per building over a 5 year period



**Current fund balance available for allocation to schools is approximately \$10 million**



**Applications will be accepted for Priority One health, safety and compliance projects**



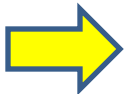
**Anticipated MDOE Timeline**

- July 1, 2015 - Application Process Begins
- September 30, 2015 - Application deadline
- Oct 1, 2015 thru Jan 31, 2016 - DOE application review and rating process occurs
- February 1, 2016 - DOE issues funding certificates
- July 31, 2017 - Project completion deadline

# Major Capital School Construction

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- Needs based program that address district needs through new construction or renovation projects
- Program administered by MDOE in conjunction with the State Board of Education
- Program looks to renovate first - 66% of projects are renovation
- Capacity for the program is determined by the Statutory Debt Service Limit which is set by the Legislature
- Currently there are 12 projects on the Approved Projects List

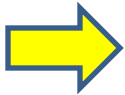


**No date has been set for the next Application Cycle**

- Current list is good until a new list is approved
- Hold Harmless provision
- Have been discussions about developing a regional application process

# **Leased Space Program**

- **Program provides temporary classroom space due to overcrowding, enrollment fluctuations, and new programs**
- **MDOE currently subsidizes at a maximum rate of \$8 sq. ft.**
- **State support for leased space for a maximum of 5 years**



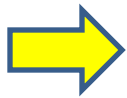
**Application due at MDOE September 15, 2015**

# **Safety and Maintenance**

➤ **There are a number of statutory and rule provisions related to safe and healthy learning environments including:**

- **Chemicals in Schools**
- **Pesticides**
- **Emergency Plans**
- **Maintenance Plans**
- **Facilities Inventory**

➤ **MDOE serves as a resource in assisting districts with compliance**



**Potential change to Chapter 125 as result of LD97**

- **Timeline Fall 2015**

## **Resolve, Directing the Department of Education To Amend the School Emergency Drill Rules**

**Sec. 1 Amend school emergency evacuation rules to include lockdown drills.**

**Resolved:** That the Department of Education shall amend Rule Chapter 125: Basic Approval Standards: Public Schools and School Administrative Units in Section 10.02, paragraph A to require lockdown drills as well as emergency evacuation drills, while keeping the total number of required drills unchanged. Rules amended pursuant to this resolve are routine technical rules as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.



## 10.02 Emergency Procedures

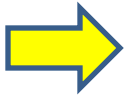
To protect the safety of students and personnel, each school administrative unit shall develop a Crisis Response Plan to deal with crises and potential crisis situations including violent acts by or against students or other persons in each school. The Plan shall include the designation of an adult responsible on site during an emergency. The unit will work with local public safety, mental health, and law enforcement officials in developing this plan, which will be included in the unit's Comprehensive Education Plan.

### A) Emergency Evacuation Drills and Lockdown Drills

Schools are required to conduct lockdown drills as well as emergency evacuation drills. Written procedures for emergency evacuation drills shall be posted in all buildings. Written procedures for lockdown drills shall not be posted.

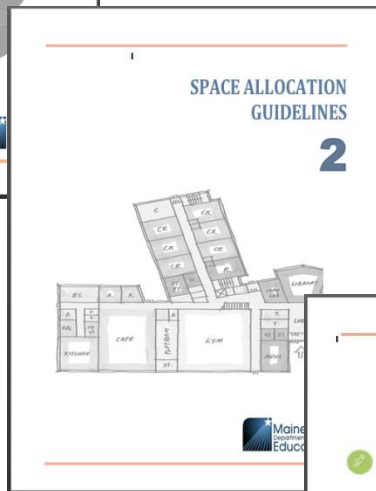
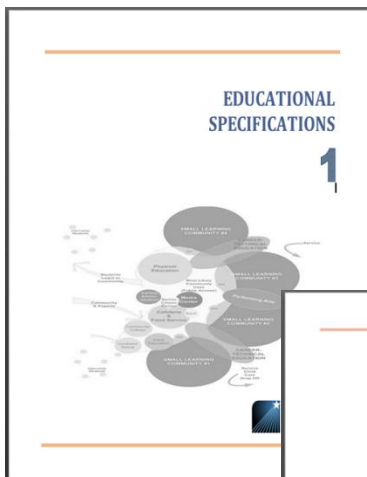
Schools at all levels K-12 are required to hold two drills during the first two weeks of school. Schools enrolling grades K-4 shall hold an additional eight drills during the year; schools enrolling grades 5-8, an additional six drills; schools enrolling grades 9-12, an additional four drills. Schools enrolling any combinations of these grade levels shall hold the additional number of drills required of the lowest grade level within the span, except that the local fire chief may increase the number of drills required. Results shall be recorded and deficiencies noted and corrected using forms provided by the Department. School personnel shall receive an annual orientation in this on these procedures.

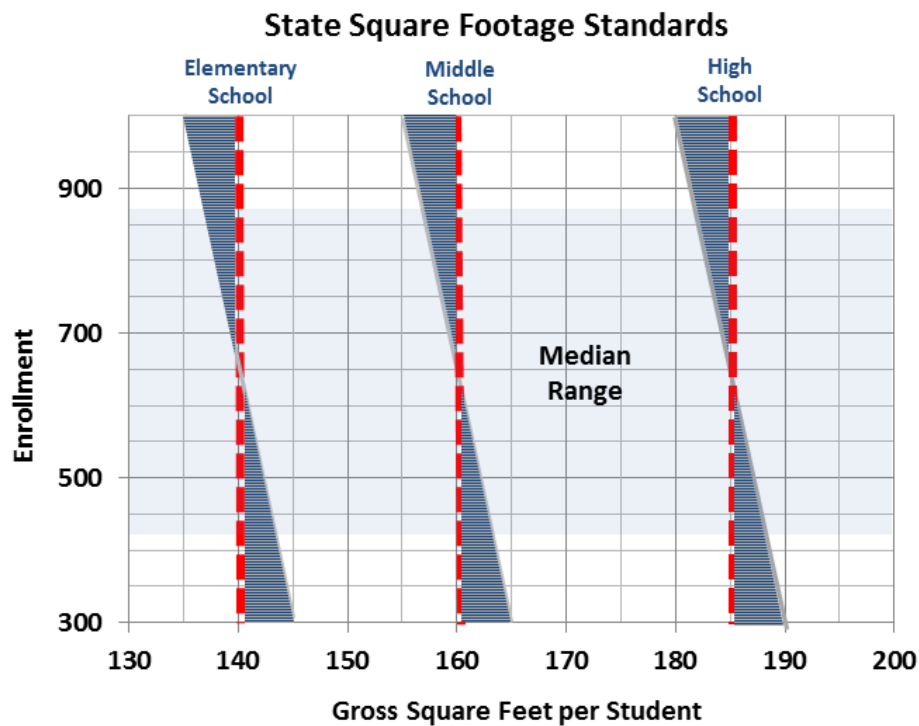
# Local Only Project Info



**Requires Commissioner's approval after referendum 20-A MRSA Chapter 609 Section 15905-A**

- **Thoroughly investigate buildings, sites, programs, and enrollments**
- **MDOE has several resources that may help**





The Maine Department of Education supports the following standards in the planning of public school projects; Elementary School 140 per student, Middle School 160 per student, High School 185 per student and CTE Regions/Centers 250 per student. These standards will only vary in projects with very small or large enrollments, or those projects that include renovation components.

## ➤ Current Construction Cost

- **\$200 Building Only**
- **\$300 Project Cost**

### *Example*

**500 students x 185sf HS x \$200 = \$18,500,000.**

**Building Construction Cost Only**

**500 students x 185sf HS x \$300 = \$27,750,000.**

**Project Cost**

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